

Interview Summary

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner David C. Reese for the in-person interview conducted at the USPTO on September 15, 2009 with Applicant's attorney of record, J. Rodman Steele, Jr. No exhibits were shown and no demonstration was conducted. All pending claims were generally discussed relative to U.S. Patent No. 4,435,031 to Black et al. Applicant's principal arguments concerned the failure of Black to disclose any of the features in dependent claims 9-13 and 15-19. No specific agreement was reached as to whether the claims are distinguishable over Black, though the Examiner indicated that he would consider an after final amendment if the subject matter was relatively similar to what has been previously presented.